


 amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 285 in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:4), (iii) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 311 in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:6), and (iv) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 276 in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:8)].

 Please add the following claims: 

-- 14. A isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

 15. An isolated polynucleotide encoding human phosphatidic acid phosphatase, wherein said polynucleotide encodes a protein comprising a polypeptide sequence selected from the group consisting of (i) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 285 in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:4), and (ii) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 276 in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:8).

16. The method of claim 3, wherein said polynucleotide encoding human phosphatidic acid comprises a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of (i) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 285 in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:4), (ii) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 311 in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:6), and (iii) the sequence at amino acid number 1 to amino acid number 276 in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:8).--

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed May 26, 1998, the Examiner has required that applicants copy the Examiner's suggested claim. Accordingly, applicants have added as claim 14, the exact claim suggested by the Examiner and applicants do so within the one-month non-extendable deadline required by the Examiner.